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On June 15, 2004, this Board authorized the Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Mental Health (DMH) to continue their collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Authority (LAHSA) in conducting two small pilots to assist homeless CalWORKS families in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley areas to find permanent housing and provide supportive services. These projects are proving very successful. These pilots connect families with public assistance, emergency housing, crisis intervention and counseling, employment services, as well as mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse services.

DPSS, DMH and LAHSA are collaborating to continue the two projects in the Skid Row area and the San Gabriel Valley areas and expand them by adding four more pilot projects in each Supervisorial District. Although DPSS and DMH had hoped to finalize their expansion plans by now, with the delay in the State budget, DMH just recently received its CalWORKs Mental Health Allocation for FY 04-05. As the State has reduced this funding by more than \$3.5 million from last fiscal year's budget, DPSS and DMH must determine their funding options and reevaluate their project expansion plans.

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While funding options and expansion plans are being finalized, it is critical to again—at least temporarily—continue the two projects in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley so that services to these families can continue, especially given how close the families are to attaining permanent housing. While no additional funding is needed by DPSS or DMG to continue the project, LAHSA has indicated additional funding is needed to continue providing services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors give the Director of DPSS the authority to amend the contract with LAHSA, effective October 1, 2004, to increase the maximum contract amount to no more than \$63,312 to continue its services on a month-to-month basis from October 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 to assist CalWORKS families in the Skid ROW and San Gabriel Valley areas find permanent housing.

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